

## Personal Mentions.

Bro. J. F. Koontz baptized seven at Woodbury, Pa.

Sister Grossnickle was expected to be at Lanark, Ill., Nov. 22 and 23.

Jessie Calvert reports two accessions by baptism at North Liberty, O.

Since the last news from Roanoke, Va., brother D. C. Moomaw reports thirteen additions.

Bro. Z. T. Livingood reports two accessions at Lanark, and thus the good work goes on.

Bro. J. O. Talley closed his meetings at Dunlaps, Ind., with good interest. Baptized one person 72 years old.

A very interesting meeting held at Hagerstown, Md., by the pastor Bro. J. C. Mackey closed with two accessions.

Sister Grossnickle gives some very wholesome advice to members of S. S. C. E. on page 10. Try it. She speaks from experience and we feel sure that you may profit by it.

Bro. John Bowman has been engaged as pastor of the Roanoke Church for one year. Bro. Bowman is an earnest worker and will serve well the people who have chosen him.

Sister Grossnickle reports a very successful meeting at New Troy, Mich. Six accessions by baptism. Twenty-one additions so far during the year. She also reports a new S. S. C. E. organized at Marcus, Iowa.

On November 19th, brethren F. W. Kline and P. H. Heller, of Goshen, Ind., were ordained to the office of deacons. They are members of the Dunlaps Congregation which is now thoroughly and *scripturally* organized.

On November 15th, brother A. R. Demenderfer of Dunlaps, Ind., was chosen and ordained to the ministry. He is thoroughly consecrated to the work and will prove a faithful servant of his master in the field to which he has been called.

Bro. J. O. Talley spent Friday afternoon November 23, with the editor. Some important business relative to the *King's Children*, was transacted. Brother Talley's whole heart is in this work of the young people, and he deserves and should have the support of the whole Brotherhood. The society of King's Children, with its monthly organ, is an important factor in the prosecution of *Church Work*. Among many other commendable features of the society may be mentioned, its persistent effort to furnish our

young people, good Gospel-alone Brethren literature, and thus teach them through their literature what we preach to them from the pulpit. *Stand by the society of the Brethren Church.*

J. D. Findley, formerly of Johnstown, Pa., now of Glenford, O., paid a visit to Ashland on Monday last. He was, at one time a student of Ashland University, and at present is an enthusiastic friend of the school, as well as of every other good cause. He is a pleasant, congenial brother and is doing good service for the Master.

Brother B. F. Swinehart and wife of the Fair Haven church, gave us a friendly call on Monday, November 26. Our brethren and sisters are always welcome at the office. We are glad to meet them and form their acquaintance. As a result of this visit the editor is (or was) better off to the amount of a nice fat turkey as an "adornment!" for the table on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you brother and sister, it was very kind indeed and we appreciate your kindness. The editor's friends at Meyersdale, Pa., have a special invitation to come and "sample" the turkey. We would like to invite our friends nearer at home but what if they should come! The next holiday will be—excuse us, we have always been known among all men for our modesty and we forbear finishing this sentence.

## College Notes.

Another new student this week.

At this writing brother C. E. Deffenbaugh is at the Hall where he expects to remain during the week. There will be a meeting of the Prudential Committee on Thursday, 29th. Important business awaits transaction.

Prof. Rench is doing some excellent work in his department. He is at home in the school room as he is in the pulpit. Those under his care are assured of one thing: *Thoroughness*. This however is true of all the departments.

Do you contemplate sending your boy or girl to a Commercial School? The Commercial Department of Ashland University under the efficient management of Prof. J. C. Beale will give you a complete course, *for about one half the cost* at other schools. Is not *expense* an object with you? Then why not come to Ashland?

How many people there are who wish they "could do something to help" in the work of God; but they are poor, and busy, and unable to do what they would. But there is one way they can help; they can help by prayer.

## CHARACTER BUILDING.

Let us make no mistake here. It makes a vast difference what we build on. The Lord tells us of two shepherds who led their flocks down by the water courses and sought for a suitable place whereon to build their watch huts. One selected a place by the riverside, where the herbage was green and easy of access. The other, more prudent, preferred a shelf of the rock. Every handful of straw for its thatching must be carried up a toilsome path. It would be a difficult matter, moreover, to fold his flock at eventide. But presently the stormy season was at hand; the rain descended, the floods came, the winds blew and beat upon his house, but it fell not. He stood in his doorway and saw the torrent roll through the wady below; with infinite but vain compassion saw it sweep away his neighbors' house to utter destruction. O yes, it makes a difference what a man builds on.

The foundation is already laid for us. "Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ," the Rock of Ages.

And what is it to build on Christ? It is not merely to receive the teachings by an intellectual assent. The learned Grotius, who had taught theology all his life, lamented at the last that truth had taken no vital grip upon his heart. It is not to receive Christ sentimentally. To be a Christian is something vastly other than merely to rhapsodize about the Lord or to sing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name!" Nor is it merely to enroll ourselves upon the roster of the christian church, for there will be multitudes who at the last shall knock, saying, "Lord, Lord, open unto us. We have cast out devils in thy name, and in thy name done many wonderful works;" but he shall say, "I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

To build on Jesus Christ is to receive him in such a manner that our lives shall be blended in his, and we shall be able to say: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

It is to accept him with such an all-embracing consent that his will shall be our will, his work our work, his people our people, his manner of life our rule of action, his Bible the man of our counsel, his slightest wish our law, himself our first, last, and all in all.

The Holy Ghost in the consecrated heart often gives a yearning for others, and a prayer for the lost and the tempted, as intensely real as the pangs of maternal anguish and love, and people are born of us as truly as the children of our households, and are linked to us by bonds as real as our natural kindred.